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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 which is filed in response to the final Office action of August 16, 2005. For further prosecution, kindly enter and consider the attached preliminary amendments¹⁾ and the following preliminary remarks:

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 to 8, 10 to 16 and 20 to 25 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are now pending in this case. Claims 5, 9 and 17 to 19 have been canceled, and Claims 1, 4, 11, 15, 16 and 20 have been amended, as indicated in the listing of the claims.

Accordingly, applicants have amended Claim 1 to require that the polymer matrix of the rate-controlled release particles comprise, in addition to the solid dispersion of the active ingredient of

1) Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 5 to 17 of this paper.

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